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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Recently, I noted that there is a 60-day period for public opinion regarding the Microsoft antitrust case. This case has been active for more than three years. The proposed settlement was arrived at as a result of extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. The terms of settlement are fair and equitable. I am in favor of finalizing the settlement at the earliest possible date.

Microsoft has agreed to allow competitors access to its documentation, protocol, and programs so that they may attach their non-Microsoft products to Windows without any retaliation from Microsoft. Microsoft has also agreed to have a neutral technical committee monitor their compliance with all provisions of the settlement.

I appreciate the time and effort you've given this case. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Hirschhorn